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RE: Emission System Performance Test Notification

Sterigenics' Willowbrook Facility – ID No. 043110AAC, Permit No. 95120085

Mr. Rowell:

As required in the Construction Permit (Application no. 18060020) issued June 26, 2018, we are submitting this advance notification of our intention to conduct two performance tests of the Sterigenics Willowbrook scrubber control systems at our facilities located at:

Sterigenics - Willowbrook I 7775 South Quincy Street Willowbrook, IL 60521

Sterigenics – Willowbrook II 830 Midway Drive Willowbrook, IL 60521

The performance tests are being done pursuant to Section 6 in the construction permit which requires notification at a minimum of 30-days prior to the testing. Sterigenics would be capable of doing the testing prior to the 30-day minimum if this is does not interfere with IEPA's ability to observe the testing. The testing can be conducted as early as September 20th for Willowbrook I and September 21st for Willowbrook II. Notification will also be sent a minimum of 5 working days prior to the actual date of testing to confirm actual date/time. Also enclosed is the proposed testing protocol for each performance test.

Please contact me at kwagner@sterigenics.com or at (630) 928-1771 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Wagner Director, EH&S

TEST PROTOCOL FOR AIR POLLUTION SOURCE TESTING OF AN ETHYLENE OXIDE EMISSION-CONTROL SYSTEM OPERATED BY STERIGENICS US, LLC. AT ITS WILLOWBROOK I, ILLINOIS FACILITY

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

ECSi, Inc. proposes to conduct air pollution source testing of the ethylene oxide (EtO) emission control system operated by Sterigenics US, LLC. at their Willowbrook I facility, located at 7775 S. Quincy Street. The device to be tested is the two stage AAT Safe Cell packed tower scrubber/dry bed reactor emission-control system, which is used to control emissions from fourteen sterilizer backvents and three aeration rooms. The purpose of the testing program will be to demonstrate compliance with backvent emission control requirements and the conditions established in the Air Quality Permit granted to Sterigenics by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

We have specialized exclusively in the performance of ethylene oxide source testing and leak testing since 1992, and are the nationally recognized expert in the field. When the current ethylene oxide emissions regulations were being implemented, we worked closely with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and USEPA to help develop the currently used testing methodology.



2.0 EQUIPMENT

At Willowbrook I, sterilizer backvent emissions are controlled by:

One two-stage Advanced Air Technologies Safe Cell emission-control system, comprised of a
packed-tower chemical scrubber (SC1), equipped with a packed reaction/interface column, a
scrubber fluid recirculation system, and a scrubber fluid reaction/storage tank, and a dry bed
reactor/scrubber (SC2), comprised of a bank of solid-bed reaction vessels, connected in parallel,
installed downstream of SC1 and upstream of a dedicated blower exhaust system.



3.0 TESTING

EtO source testing will be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in USEPA CFR40, Part 63.365, using USEPA Method 18 as specified. EtO emissions monitoring will be conducted simultaneously at the inlet and outlet of the Safe Cell System (the inlet of SC1 and the outlet of SC2) during the entire duration of the backvent phase of one of the fourteen sterilizers. A total of three backvent-phase test runs will be performed.

During the backvent phase, EtO emissions at the inlet and the outlet of the Safe Cell System will be determined using direct source sample injection into a gas chromatograph (GC). All testing will be conducted during normal process load conditions. All backvent testing will be performed with freshly sterilized product in the sterilizer. The testing program will be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in the following sections.



4.0 RULE/COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The EtO gas-sterilization system at the Willowbrook I facility is being tested to demonstrate compliance with EPA requirements, as specified in the IEPA Air Quality Permit. The following requirements must be met:

• The sterilizer backvent phase emissions must be vented to control equipment with an EtO emission-reduction efficiency of at least 99 % by weight.

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Operation and documentation of process conditions will be performed by personnel from Sterigenics, Inc. using existing monitoring instruments installed by the manufacturer on the equipment to be tested. In accordance with the procedures established in USEPA CFR40, Part 63, Subpart O, scrubber liquor level will be recorded.

5.2 VOLUMETRIC FLOW MEASUREMENT

Exhaust gas flow at the outlet of SC2 will be determined by 40 CFR 60, Appendix A, Method 2C, using a standard pitot tube and an inclined-oil manometer. Sampling ports will be located in accordance with 40 CFR 60, Appendix A, Method 1. The test ports will be located far enough from any flow disturbances to permit accurate flow measurement.

Temperature measurements will be obtained from a type K thermocouple and thermometer attached to the sampling probe. Exhaust gas composition will be assumed to be >99% ambient air. Water vapor will be negligible and, based on previous test data, a default ambient value of 3 percent will be used for determination of exhaust gas composition and flow calculations.



5.3 CONTROL EFFICIENCY AND MASS EMISSIONS MEASUREMENT

The EtO concentration at the inlet and outlet of the Safe Cell System will be measured simultaneously following the procedures delineated in USEPA CFR40, Part 63.365. During backvent, vented gas will be analyzed by an SRI, Model 8610, portable gas chromatograph (GC), equipped with the following: dual, heated sample loops and injectors; dual columns; and dual detectors. A flame ionization detector (FID) will be used to quantify emissions at the emission-control device inlet, and a photoionization detector (PID) will be used to quantify emissions at the emission-control device outlet.

5.4 SAMPLE TRANSPORT

Source gas will be pumped to the GC at approximately 500-1000 cubic centimeters per minute (cc/min) from the sampling ports through two lengths of Teflon[®] sample line, each with a nominal volume of approximately 75 cubic centimeters (cc) and an outer diameter of 0.25 inch. At the outlet of SC2 the sampling ports will be located in the exhaust stack.

5.5 GC INJECTION

Source-gas samples will then be injected into the GC which will be equipped with two heated sampling loops, each containing a volume of approximately 2cc and maintained at 100 degrees Celsius (C). Injections will occur at approximately one-minute intervals during the sterilization chamber backvent phase. Helium will be the carrier gas for both FID and PID.

5.6 GC CONDITIONS

The packed columns for the GC will both be operated at 85 degrees C. The columns will be stainless steel, 6 feet long, 0.125 inch outer diameter, packed with 1 percent SP-1000 on 60/80 mesh Carbopack B.

Any unused sample gas will be vented from the GC system back to the inlet of the scrubber.

5.7 CALIBRATION STANDARDS

The FID used at the inlet will be calibrated for part-per-million-by-volume (ppmv)-level analyses using gas proportions similar to the following:



1) 100 ppmv EtO, balance nitrogen

2) 50 ppmv EtO, balance nitrogen (audit gas)

3) 10 ppmv EtO, balance nitrogen

4) 1 ppmv EtO, balance nitrogen

The PID used at the outlet will be calibrated for ppmv-level analyses using gas proportions similar to the

following:

1) 100 ppmv EtO, balance nitrogen

2) 50 ppmv EtO, balance nitrogen (audit gas)

3) 10 ppmv EtO, balance nitrogen

4) 1 ppmv EtO, balance nitrogen

Each of these calibration standards will be in a separate, certified manufacturer's cylinder. Copies of the

calibration gas laboratory certificates will be included with the final report.

5.8 SAMPLING DURATION

Backvent EtO measurements will be taken for the entire duration of the backvent phase, which will be 15

minutes. This will encompass a total sampling duration of 15 minutes for each backvent phase test run.

5.9 CONTROL-EFFICIENCY/MASS-EMISSIONS CALCULATIONS

Control efficiency of EtO will be calculated for the backvent phase. Control efficiency will be calculated for

each data point which will be produced at each injection interval. The time-weighted-average (TWA) EtO

control efficiency will be calculated using these results. Results of the control-efficiency testing will be

summarized in the final report.

Mass emissions of EtO will be calculated using the following equation:

MassRate = (VolFlow)(MolWt)(ppmv EtO/10⁶)/(MolVol)

Where:

MassRate = EtO mass flow rate, pounds per minute

VolFlow = Corrected volumetric flow rate, standard cubic feet per minute at 68 degrees F

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MolWt = 44.05 pounds EtO per pound mole

ppmv EtO = EtO concentration, parts per million by volume

10⁶ = Conversion factor, ppmv per "cubic foot per cubic foot"

MolVol = 385.32 cubic feet per pound mole at one atmosphere and 68 degrees F

Mass emissions of EtO will be calculated for backvent. The results will be summarized in the final report.



6.0 TEST SCENARIO

Backvent testing will be performed during normal process load conditions, with freshly sterilized product in the sterilizer. Three test runs will be conducted in series to verify the performance of the emission-control system. The testing schedule will be as follows:

- Equipment setup and gas chromatograph calibration.
- Backvent Test Run #1 is performed with freshly sterilized product in one of the fourteen sterilizers.
 Sampling is performed at the inlet and outlet of the Safe Cell System.
- Backvent Test Run #2 is performed with freshly sterilized product in one of the fourteen sterilizers.
 Sampling is performed at the inlet and outlet of the Safe Cell System.
- Backvent Test Run #3 is performed with freshly sterilized product in one of the fourteen sterilizers.
 Sampling is performed at the inlet and outlet of the Safe Cell System.
- Post-calibration check performed and equipment breakdown.



7.0 QA/QC

7.1 FIELD TESTING QUALITY ASSURANCE

At the beginning of the test, the sampling system will be leak checked at a vacuum of 15 inches of mercury. The sampling system will be considered leak free when the flow indicated by the rotameters falls to zero.

At the beginning of the test, a system blank will be analyzed to ensure that the sampling system is free of EtO. Ambient air will be introduced at the end of the heated sampling line and drawn through the sampling system line to the GC for analysis. The resulting chromatogram also will provide a background level for non-EtO components (i.e. ambient air, carbon dioxide, water vapor) which are present in the source gas stream due to the ambient dilution air which is drawn into the emission-control device. This chromatogram, designated AMB, will be included with the calibration data in the final report.

7.2 CALIBRATION PROCEDURES

The GC system will be calibrated at the beginning and conclusion of each day's testing. Using the Peaksimple II analytical software, a point-to-point calibration curve will be constructed for each detector. A gas cylinder of similar composition as the calibration gases, but certified by a separate supplier, will be used to verify calibration gas composition and GC performance.

All calibration gases and support gases used will be of the highest purity and quality available. A copy of the laboratory certification for each calibration gas will be included in the final report.



8.0 FINAL TEST REPORT DESCRIPTION

The test results will be summarized in a written report. This report will be submitted to the IEPA no later than sixty days after the conclusion of the field testing. It will include results for EtO control efficiency of the emission-control device and mass emissions of EtO to the atmosphere from the emission-control device outlet. The report will contain:

- Summary tables with comparisons of the test results to rule limits;
- Copies of all intermediate data tables and calculation worksheets;
- Copies of all GC chromatograms from calibration runs and sample injections; and
- Laboratory calibration certificates for all calibration and audit gases and all applicable measurement instruments such as pitot tubes and thermocouples.



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